

FISCAL NOTE

HB 496 - SB 1064

March 11, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Lowers the minimum height requirement from less than five feet) to less than four feet, eight inches relative to child restraint systems for children ages four through eight.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – Enactment of this bill could place the state in non-compliance with NHTSA standards. As a result, state revenues derived from federal funding sources may be jeopardized.

Assumptions:

- A decrease in the number of violations due to less stringent requirements.
- The state will not receive fines and clerks will not receive commission on such fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303.
- There will not be a sufficient decrease in the number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant decrease in expenditures.
- National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommends a threshold of four foot, nine inch (4' 9") or less.
- Health care specialists recommended a threshold of four foot, nine inch (4' 9") or less.
- Enactment of this bill could place the state in non-compliance with the NHTSA standards. As a result, state revenues derived from federal funding sources may be jeopardized.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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